STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Regional Alternative ITEM NO: 4K

Educational Satellite

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Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology Don Upperco, Administrator of

Alternative Education

ACTION DATE: Information only

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board receive information regarding implementation of a regional alternative educational satellite program.

KEY POINTS:

- Maintenance has removed several bookcases of the former Head Start library at the Melchers Complex to maximize classroom space.
- Maintenance has fully enclosed and secured the office utilized by staff to rehab selected audio-visual equipment.
- Maintenance has pulled up unseemly carpet and is getting ready to strip and polish terrazzo floor.
- The Annex area is currently being painted by Maintenance personnel.
- Mr. Upperco has met with Transportation to develop satellite bus routes to accommodate Annex students.
- A list of potential Annex students, complete with addresses, student numbers, birth dates, grade levels and base schools was sent to Transportation to develop bus routes.
- Presently, there are potentially 20 students on the Annex roster.
- Annex will ultimately service 30 Regional Alternative Education Program students.
- Mr. Upperco is in the process of hiring two certified teachers to teach core academic subjects.
- Curriculum packets from the Regional Alternative Education Program are in the process of being copied for Annex students' use.
- Interview procedures and processes have been developed with Ellen Delano, Coordinator of the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- Anticipated (and optimistic) "launch date" for first students enrolled in the Annex is Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #1: Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for all students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.

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